

REMARKS

The applicant thanks the Examiner for conducting the interview on July 23, 2008. The applicant and the Examiner discussed all of the claims and prior art US 2001/0021375 (Hossel). An agreement with respect to the claims was not reached. In the interview the applicants discussed with the Examiner the prior art and 112 first paragraph rejections from the previous office action. The applicant stated that they did not believe Hossel could render obvious the newly claimed ratio within the claims because monomer C is out of range. The Examiner commented that actually monomer B could contain a mixture of PCL and PVP meeting the limitations of both the claimed monomers B and C and the amounts of those monomers was very broad 0.01 to 99.99%. The applicant stressed however that in the proportion which was claimed the product was materially superior in terms of clarity to a polymer that did not have the claimed monomer ratio. The Examiner concluded that he would take this point under consideration but alerted applicants consul that there could be a potential problem with this argument in that the examples had a more limited range for the amounts of the monomers then currently claimed. Thus perhaps the showing of unexpected results and/or superior material properties may not be consummate with the current scope of the claims. The applicant also asserted that they believed there was support within the specification for monomers D and E necessarily being present as claimed in claims 14-20 and 23, because he believed these materials were clearly optional thus they could be present or not. However, the Examiner countered that he believed this was clearly narrowing the scope of the range described within the specification because the range always included a point 0 which was now being excluded by these claims.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 12810-00039-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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